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Te Wānanga Kura Tāngata

School of Social Sciences

SYMPOSIUM

Progressive alternatives: politics, policy and practice

9am-5pm, 12 September 2014

Conference Lecture Theatre (423-342), 22 Symonds Street,
The University of Auckland

Too often scholars offer a critique of social problems without proposing alternative modes of thinking, working or being. This symposium highlights sociological research challenging the view that the significant and continuing problems of class, ethnic and gender-based inequality experienced in New Zealand and elsewhere are inevitable or unresolvable.

9.00-10.15am

Keynote address: The global south and social science: from colonialism to neoliberalism

Professor Raewyn Connell, University Chair in Sociology, University of Sydney
Our methods, agendas and concepts in social science come mainly from the old imperial powers, and new economic powers, of the global North. This situation is now contested from decolonial, postcolonial and indigenous perspectives. What kind of social science can we now build, in a world of neoliberalism, climate crisis, and growing violence? This discussion will draw on Professor Connell's recent work on market society as seen by Southern intellectuals, and on knowledge formation in societies of the 'periphery'.



10.15-10.45am

More than just a building: transforming Māori-Pākehā relationships in a community project

Dr Avril Bell

11.00-11.30am

Teaching effectively with Māori and Pacific Students

Dr David Mayeda, Hilary Dansey Dutton, 'Ilaisa-Futa-Helu 'Ofamo'oni, and Moeata Keil

11.30am-12.00pm

What if refugee lawyers and Māori designed asylum seeker policy in Aotearoa?

Dr Lane West-Newman

12.00-12.30pm

Gender-based violence among Asian and Middle Eastern women in Aotearoa New Zealand

Dr David Mayeda and Raagini Vijaykumar

1.30-2.00pm

From gender-based violence to gender-based coercive control *Dr Vivienne Elizabeth*

2.00-2.30pm

New Zealand and normally operating capitalism *Dr Bruce Curtis*

2.30-3.00pm

Growing pains: learning from the forth sector as a progressive alternative in Aotearoa

Dr Kellie McNeill and Line Silseth

3.15-3.45pm

The 'grit' beneath neoliberalism's wheels: using policy to build public support for social citizenship

Dr Louise Humpage

3.45-4.15pm

Utopian horizons: Thinking in and beyond the limits to capitalism *Dr Colin Cremin*

4.15-4.45pm

Closing remarks and future actions. *Chaired by Dr Louise Humpage*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT

No RSVPs are required. For more information email Louise Humpage l.humpage@auckland.ac.nz